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# *Annual Report*

CITY OF  
SOUTH PORTLAND  
MAINE



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COUNCIL - MANAGER GOVERNMENT

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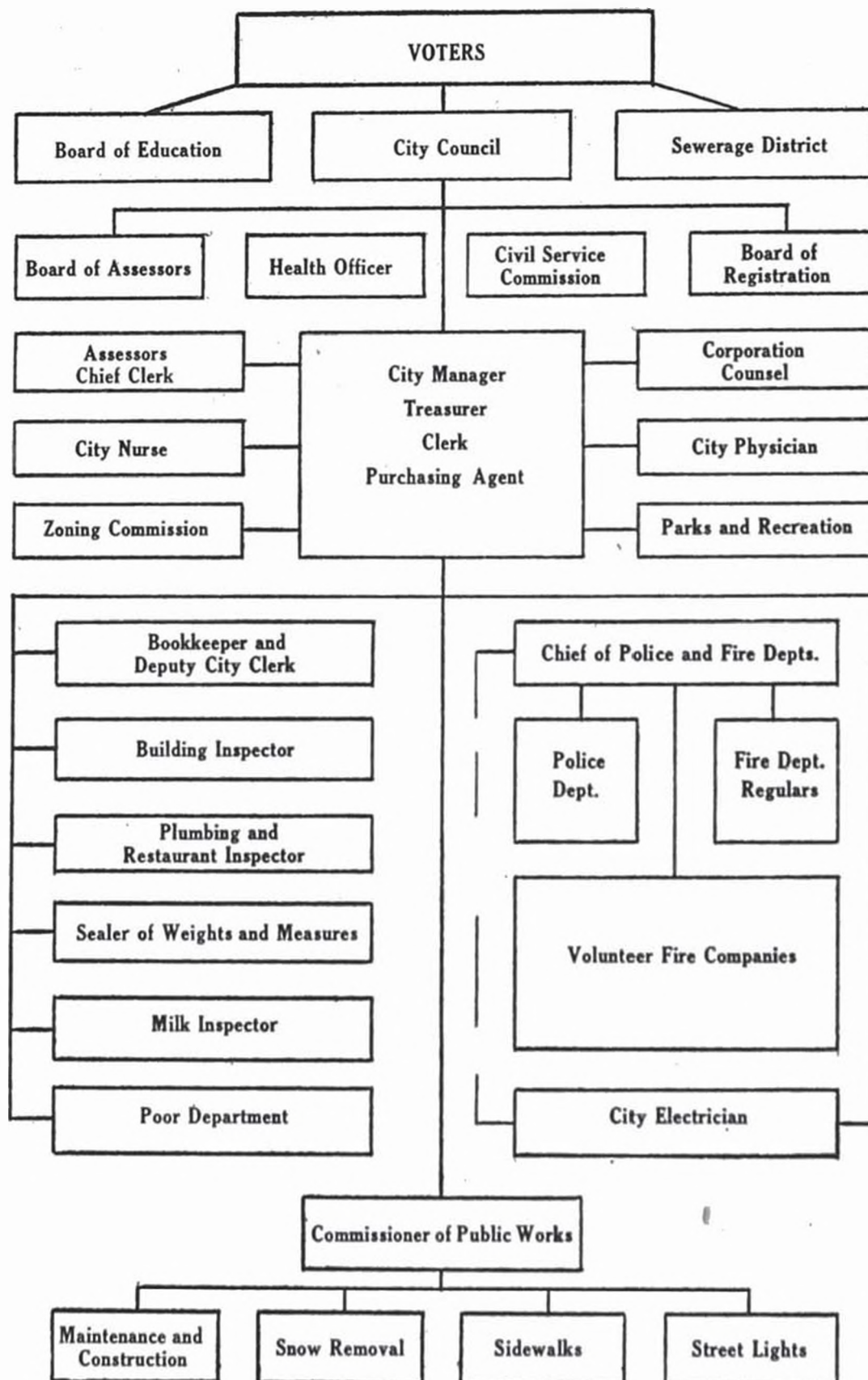


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## OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

### CITY COUNCIL

(Elected by city vote)

#### *Term Expires*

Dist. No. 1, Leroy W. Higgins, Chairman	December 31, 1944
Dist. No. 2, Raymond L. Henley	December 31, 1947
Dist. No. 3, Gerald E. Lord	December 31, 1945
Dist. No. 4, Henry J. Boland	December 31, 1945
Dist. No. 5, Ernest L. Ryall	December 31, 1946

### ADMINISTRATIVE

(Appointive) (Terms of Office Indefinite)

City Manager	J. Harold Webster
City Treasurer and Tax Collector	
City Clerk	
Purchasing Agent	
Deputy City Clerk	Eleanor S. Whitten
Deputy City Treasurer and Tax Collector	Grace M. Milesen
Bookkeeper and Deputy Clerk	Ralph M. Affleck
Corporation Counsel	Stephen W. Hughes
Health Officer	Donald G. Wight, M. D.
City Physician	
Chief of Fire	Charles O. Spear, Jr.
Chief of Fire Dept., Deputy	Horace S. Jose
Fire Inspector, Acting	Chief of Fire and Police
Commissioner of Public Works, Acting	Herman C. Kendall
City Engineer, Acting	Herman C. Kendall
Clerk, Public Works Dept.	Jeanette S. Layton
City Electrician	George H. Lowell
Assistant City Electrician	Robert C. Lowell
Building Inspector	William O. Armitage
Plumbing Inspector	Leroy W. Hasey
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Louis C. Anderson
City Nurse	Stella B. Barry
Assistant City Nurse	Amelia Hettlinger
Milk Inspector	J. F. Boswell
Superintendent, Poor Dept.	Samuel C. Hinds
Scaler of Weights and Measures	Allen H. Cobb
Chief Clerk, Board of Assessors	Alverdo L. Phinney

### JUDICIARY

(Appointed by Governor)

Judge Municipal Court, Term expires May, 1945	George H. Hinckley
Recorder, Term expires August, 1945	Philip Willard

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

(All except Chairman elected by city wide vote)

Chairman Ex-Officio .....	Gerald E. Lord
Dist. No. 1, Meredith L. Trefethen .....	Term expires January, 1947
Dist. No. 2, John B. Woodbury .....	Term expires January, 1948
Dist. No. 3, Dr. Waldo T. Skillin .....	Term expires January, 1945
Dist. No. 4, Raymond H. Frost .....	Term expires January, 1948
Dist. No. 5, George E. Taylor .....	Term expires January, 1946

## ADMINISTRATIVE

(Appointed by Board of Education)

Superintendent of Schools .....	George E. Beal
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## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(Elected by City Council for 3 yr. term—Must be Members of Council)

Leroy W. Higgins .....	Term expires January, 1945
Gerald E. Lord .....	Term expires January, 1946
Ernest L. Ryall, Chairman .....	Term expires January, 1947

## BOARD OF REGISTRATION

(Chairman appointed by Governor)

(Two Members—One recommended by Republican and one by Democratic City Committee and appointed by City Council)

Ethel E. Jones, Chairman .....	Term expires April 4, 1949
Lulu B. Cook .....	Term expires June 21, 1946
Mary W. Willwerth .....	Term expires September 8, 1946

## SEWERAGE DISTRICT

(All except Chairman elected by city wide vote)

Leroy W. Higgins, President .....	Term expires 1945
Thomas A. Johnson, Trustee .....	Term expires 1945
Hubbard C. Newell, Trustee .....	Term expires 1946
Morris W. Bragdon, Trustee .....	Term expires 194

Herman C. Kendall, Superintendent and Engineer

Herman C. Kendall, Acting Clerk

J. Harold Webster, Treasurer

Mavis B. Young, Bookkeeper

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

(Appointed by City Council)

Lincoln H. Hascall, Chairman .....	Term expires March, 1947
Harry A. Angell .....	Term expires March, 1946
Donald A. Fisher .....	Term expires March, 1945
Edgar M. Steen .....	Term expires March, 1947
Charles W. Stanton, Clerk .....	Term expires March, 1945



## PLUMBING EXAMINING BOARD

(Appointed by City Manager)

Leroy W. Hasey	Term indefinite
Ruel A. Blaisdell	Term indefinite
Louis C. Anderson	Term indefinite

## HARBOR COMMISSION (Port of Portland)

(Appointed by Governor—Two from Portland, two from South Portland)

Clinton T. Goudy (So. Portland), Chairman	Term expires Nov., 1947
Allen H. Cobb (So. Portland), Clerk	Term expires July, 1945
Ralph A. Leavitt (Portland)	Term expires January, 1946
Philip T. O'Donnell (Portland)	Term expires November, 1947

## BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

(Appointed by City Manager, Confirmed by Council)

E. Perley Bullock, Chairman	Term expires 1946
Frank S. Morrison	Term expires 1944
Allen H. Cobb	Term expires 1944
Herbert G. Jewett	Term expires 1948
Walter W. Winchenbach	Term expires 1948
Harold W. Morse	Term expires 1945
Carl H. Tupper	Term expires 1945

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

(Appointed by City Manager, Confirmed by Council)

Gerald E. Lord	Term expires 1946
George H. Hinckley	Term expires 1945
Daniel F. Mahoney	Term expires 1945

## ADVISORY BOARD TO COMMISSION

Paul I. Davis	Silas F. Skillin
Mrs. Harry D. Lord	J. Harold Webster

## SOUTH PORTLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Appointed by City Manager, Confirmed by Council)

Frank P. Preti, Chairman	J. Lowell Goodwin
Silas F. Skillin	Albert E. Libby
Raymond J. Callahan	

## OIL INSPECTION

Herbert Nickerson	Indefinite
Stanley Pettengill	Indefinite
Ralph Thompson	Indefinite

## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

*To the Honorable City Council and Citizens of South Portland, Maine:*

The following pages contain brief articles on municipal activities in South Portland and are offered herewith as our annual report for 1944. We trust these articles will prove interesting and informative.

There has been little change in the manpower situation over the previous year except that it has become worse. That is to say, prospective applicants for Police, Fire and Public Works Department are practically non-existent due largely to more attractive wages paid by the Federal Government and the drafting of men for the Armed Services.

To the loyal city employees, the department heads and to the several City Commissions, I extend my sincerest thanks for their assistance in keeping the Municipal Ship on an even keel during the difficult days of this, the third year of war.

The 1944 accounts of the city with the exception of the Sewerage District have been audited by Millett, Fish and Dresser whose report states that all accounts, disbursements, supporting vouchers, revenues, tax payments, departmental accounts and cash balances were examined and no discrepancies were disclosed.

The report shows in detail the Financial condition of the city at the close of the year, departmental expenditures, appropriation details, bonded debt, cash receipts, and other statistical data, also report of South Portland School Department and Sewerage District.

Approximately 2,512 square yards of concrete sidewalks were laid on Evans and Westbrook Streets making a total for the whole city of 2,832 square yards. During the year the new fire station, Number 5, at 306 Main Street was completed. This station has increased our permanent firemen from thirteen to nineteen with an auxiliary force of approximately 115 men. This gives a fair distribution of men and equipment for all parts of the city.

Towards the close of the year the city purchased approximately eight acres of partly submerged land for park purposes known as the Mill Cove Development bounded by Broadway, Cottage, and Ocean Streets. This will be filled and developed as a memorial to those men and women who have served in the Armed Services of our country.

Net expenditures for the year were \$27,828.70 less than the appropriation and departmental revenues, in other words, the city closed its 1944 accounts with an unexpended balance of \$27,828.70 which is carried forward as income in the 1945 appropriation resolve.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HAROLD WEBSTER,  
*City Manager.*

## CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee on Streets, Street Lights, and Public Buildings,	Raymond L. Henley, Ernest L. Ryall, Henry J. Boland
Committee on Public Safety, Police and Fire	Henry J. Boland
Committee on Health and Welfare	Raymond L. Henley
Committee on Finance	Henry J. Boland
Committee on Approval of Bills	Raymond L. Henley, Gerald E. Lord
Committee on Claims	Raymond L. Henley, Ernest L. Ryall
Committee on Civilian Defense	Henry J. Boland

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (Estimate),	26,000
Area in Square Miles,	12.50
Area in Acres,	8,000
Area Per Capita in Acres,	0.5
Assessed Valuation in 1944,	15,418,920
Bonded Debt—December 31, 1944,	488,000
Bonded Debt Per Capita,	18.76
Tax Rate Per \$1,000,	50.40
Miles of Accepted Streets,	140.45
Miles of Sanitary and Storm Sewers,	52.00

## CITY COUNCIL

The City Council consists of five members elected at large, one each for a three year term from each of five districts. The Council elects one of its members Chairman and he acts for the City in all ceremonial functions ordinarily exercised by a city's Mayor. He also serves as Chairman of the South Portland Sewerage District.

The City Council elects to serve as Chairman, Board of Education, Ex Officio.

The City Council meet regularly twice each month on the first and third Mondays at 7:30 P. M. All meetings are open to the public.

## CITY MANAGER

The City Manager is chosen by the City Council; he may be chosen for an indefinite term or on a two year contract.

The City Manager is the Administrative Head of the City and all Department Heads are answerable to him. His duties are to see that all laws are enforced, all Municipal activities are carried on efficiently and to keep the Council informed in regard to City finances, also to appoint, subject to the approval of the Council, the Heads of all Departments.

By provisions of the City Charter the City Manager is also the City Treasurer, Tax Collector, City Clerk and Purchasing Agent.

## ELECTIONS

Municipal elections are held annually on the first Monday in December. At each election one or two Councilmen, as the case may be, one or two members of the Board of Education, as the case may be, and one Trustee of the South Portland Sewerage District besides Ward Officers and Constables are elected.

## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Purchasing of all supplies, materials and equipment for all City Departments including School are made through a central purchasing office, which is under the personal direction of the City Manager. The sale of all City property, unnecessary or unfit equipment, etc. are made through this office.

## NEW ORDINANCES IN 1944

1. Ordinance relating to parking.
2. Ordinance relating to parking.
3. Ordinance relating to Board of Appeals.
4. Ordinance amending automobile and junk yards, also vendor's licenses.
5. Ordinance relating to operation of Roller-Skating Rinks.
6. Ordinance amending Taxi-Cab Ordinance.
7. Ordinance—re: dilapidated buildings.
8. Ordinance relating to traffic regulations.

## 1944 LIST OF MUNICIPAL MOTOR EQUIPMENT

### ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT

1 Pontiac 4 Door Sedan,	1939
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### ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

1 Ford 1½ Ton Express Body,	1937
1 Terraplane Coupe,	1938

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

1 Harley Davidson Motorcycle,	1942
1 Dodge 4 Door Sedan,	1937
1 Ford Tudor,	1942
1 Mercury Tudor,	1941
2 Hudson Tudor,	1942

### POOR DEPARTMENT

1 Chevrolet ½ Ton Pick-up Truck,	1940
1 Ford Tudor Sedan,	1941

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Buffalo Roller—10 Ton,	1930
1 Caterpillar Tractor—5 Ton,	1935
1 Caterpillar Tractor—7¾ Ton,	1936
1 Cletrac 5 Ton Tractor—Overhead Shovel,	1938
1 Cletrac Sidewalk Tractor,	1941
1 Cletrac,	1941
1 Walters 4 Wheel Drive,	1930
1 Truck 3½ Ton,	1929
1 Ford 1½ Ton Dump Truck—Stake Body,	1937
1 Ford 1½ Ton Dump Truck,	1938
1 Ford 1½ Ton Dump Truck,	1938
1 Ford 1½ Ton Dump Truck,	1938
1 Ford 1½ Ton Dump Truck,	1939
1 Ford 1½ Ton Dump Truck,	1940
1 Ford ½ Ton Pick-up,	1940
1 Ford ½ Ton Pick-up,	1940
1 Ford Dump 1½ Ton Truck,	1941
1 Ford Dump 1½ Ton Truck,	1941
1 Ford Dump 1½ Ton Truck,	1941
1 Walters 4 Wheel Drive,	1944
1 Ford 1½ Ton Wrecker,	1937
1 Galion Power Grader 9½ Ton,	1941
1 Hudson Coupe,	1941

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

1 GMC 1½ Ton Service Truck,	1937
1 GMC Ladder Truck No. 2,	1928
1 GMC Engine No. 2,	1928
1 Dodge Engine No. 1,	1930
1 Dodge Ladder No. 3,	1928
1 Diamond T Engine No. 3,	1935
1 Ahrens Fox Engine No. 4,	1924
1 Dodge Engine No. 7,	1928
1 Mack Engine No. 5,	1937
1 Mack Engine No. 6,	1940
1 Dodge Sedan,	1940
1 Mack Truck (Government Owned)	

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1 Ford 1½ Ton Stake Truck,	1934
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## SEWERAGE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT

1 Ford 1½ Ton Truck-Compr.	1930
1 Ford 1½ Ton Truck-Compr.	1931
1 Ford 1½ Ton Dump Truck,	1939
1 Ford 1½ Ton Dump Truck,	1941
1 Ford ½ Ton Pick-up Truck,	1942
1 Ford Tudor Sedan,	1942

## RESULTS OF LAST MUNICIPAL ELECTION

December 4, 1944

### MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

#### TERM THREE YEARS

<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Wards—1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Total</i>
1—Eric Anderson,	147	25	30	46	101	38	109	496
1—Raymond D. Barstow,	214	20	39	66	227	39	55	660
2—Raymond L. Henley,	220	54	59	89	231	67	103	823

### MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### TERM THREE YEARS

<i>Dist.</i>	<i>Wards—1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Total</i>
2—John B. Woodbury,	239	37	63	84	244	63	103	833
3—Raymond H. Frost,	200	26	53	83	211	58	101	732
4—Edna Armitage,	100	13	17	26	76	36	42	310
4—Waldo T. Skillin,	211	38	50	84	282	47	130	842

### TRUSTEE SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT

#### MEMBER OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### TERM THREE YEARS













	<i>Wards—1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Total</i>
Lee H. Hodgkins,	234	46	64	101	313	78	157	993

### WARD OFFICERS ELECTED

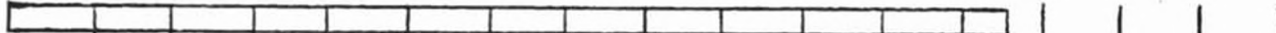
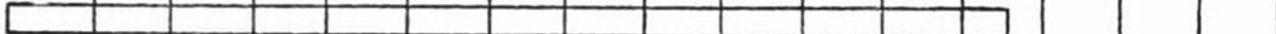









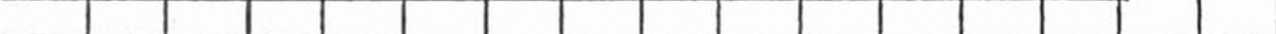
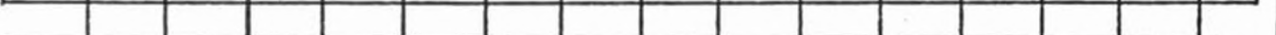

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Wardens</i>	<i>Ward Clerks</i>	<i>Constables</i>
1	Elizabeth S. Smith	Allen H. Cobb	Harold T. Oliver
2	Mary V. Fallona	Margaret E. Coffin	Richard F. O'Donnell
3	Etta Robinson	Mabel R. Graney	John H. Mann
4		Irving W. Dyer	George McCubrey
5	Sidney Walton	Hazel Lord	Harold F. Buchanan
6	James B. Mincher	Lottie M. Fenley	Arthur K. McDonald
7	Henry E. Cash	John M. Burney	Albert W. Shaw

## 1944 EXPENSE TAX DOLLAR

The expense dollar below represents the percentage of each dollar expended by each group of municipal operations as designated below.

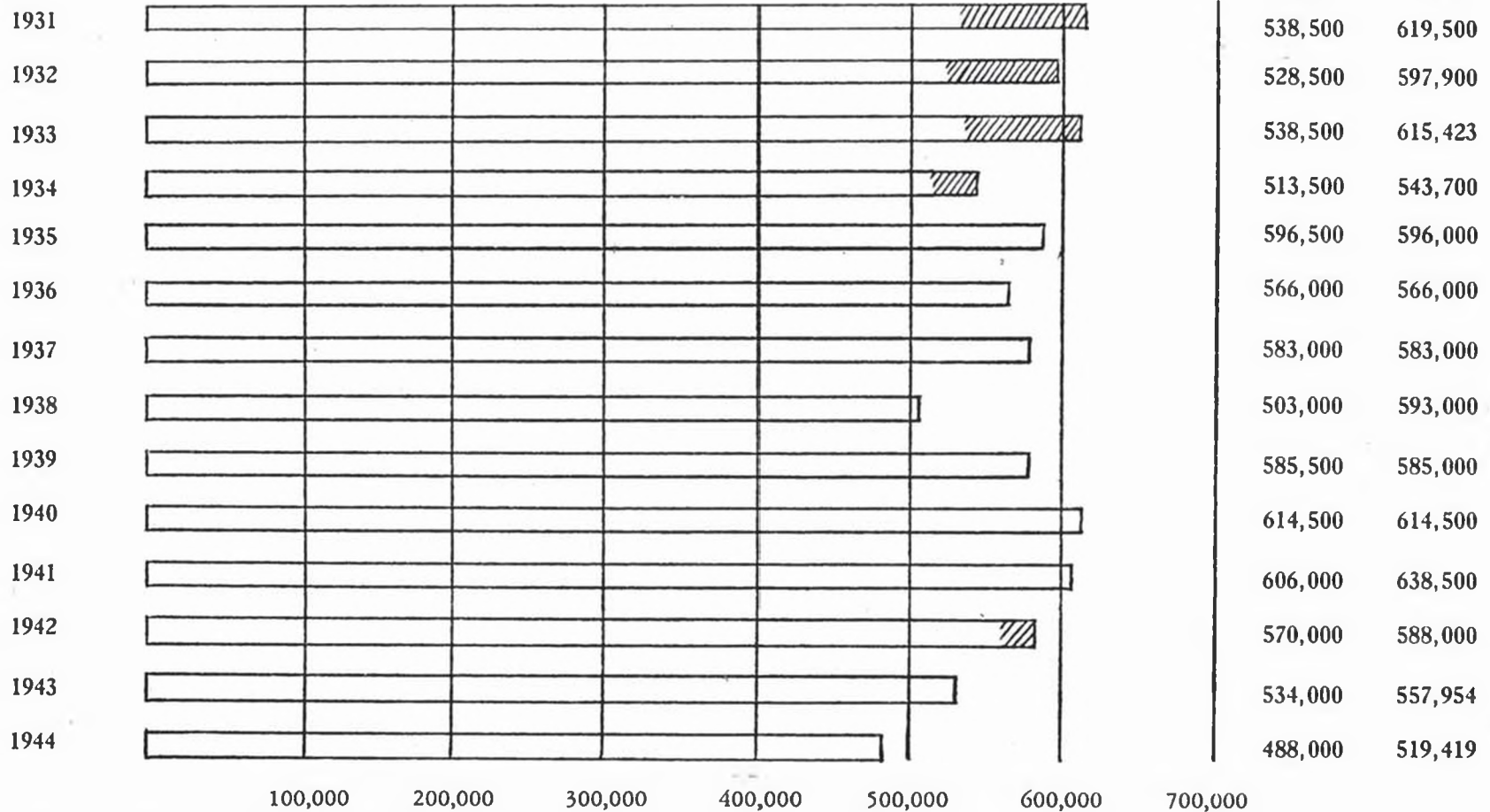
SCHOOLS		31¢
TAXES TO OTHER CIVIL DIVISIONS		22¢
PUBLIC SAFETY (Fire and Police)		13½¢
STREETS AND BRIDGES		11¢
DEBT SERVICE		7¢
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		4¢
PARKS and RECREATION		2½¢
POOR		2¢
STREET LIGHTS		2¢
HEALTH and SANITATION		2¢
RESERVE FUND		1½¢
MISCELLANEOUS		1½¢

# ASSESSED VALUATION

		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>
1931		12,483,759	46.00
1932		12,558,900	46.00
1933		12,402,650	48.00
1934		12,369,350	48.00
1935		12,407,965	48.00
1936		12,407,850	48.00
1937		12,631,000	50.00
1938		12,066,345	50.00
1939		13,421,535	49.60
1940		13,671,470	49.20
1941		14,015,890	49.20
1942		15,979,325	50.40
1943		15,235,590	50.40
1944		15,418,920	50.40



# CITY DEBT



Indicates Bond Debt.



Indicates Floating Debt. Vertical Line Indicates Legal Debt Limit — 5% of Assessed Valuation.

**BONDED DEBT AND REDEMPTION TABLE**  
December 31, 1944

<i>Date of Issue</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Outstanding Dec. 31, 1944</i>	<i>Amount Maturing 1945</i>	<i>Amount Maturing 1946</i>	<i>Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946</i>
Aug. 1, 1923	Schools	4½ %	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000
Aug. 1, 1924	Schools	4½ %	50,000	5,000	5,000	40,000
Apr. 1, 1925	Schools	4½ %	5,000	5,000		
Nov. 1, 1925	Miscellaneous	4½ %	50,000	5,000		
Oct. 1, 1928	Schools	4½ %	35,000			45,000
Oct. 1, 1929	Schools	4½ %	35,000			35,000
Nov. 1, 1935	Schools	2½ %	40,000	5,000	5,000	30,000
Feb. 15, 1937	Schools	3 %	27,000	3,000	3,000	21,000
June 1, 1938	Roads	1¾ %				
Oct. 1, 1938	Schools	2½ %	27,000	2,000	5,000	20,000
May 1, 1939	Refunding	2 %	24,000			24,000
June 1, 1939	Roads	1¾ %	30,000		5,000	25,000
June 1, 1940	Roads	2½ %	45,000	5,000	5,000	35,000
June 1, 1941	Roads, Armory Site, Park	2 %	60,000			60,000
			<u>\$488,000</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$43,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

### REPORT FOR 1944

Total amount to be raised by direct taxation (exclusive of overlays),	\$759,188.63
Amount in excess of above for overlays and abatements,	34,806.16
Supplemental assessments, real and personal,	585.90
Supplemental polls, 184 at \$3.00,	552.00
	<hr/>
	\$795,132.69
Less corrections, amounts abated from regular list and re-assessed in supplemental list,	324.83
	<hr/>
	\$794,807.86

### INVENTORY SUMMARY

Regular list, real and personal,	\$777,113.79
Regular list, polls (5,627 at \$3.00),	16,881.00
Supplemental, real and personal,	585.90
Supplemental, polls (184 at \$3.00),	552.00
	<hr/>
	\$795,132.69
Less corrections, amounts abated from regular list and re-assessed in supplemental list,	324.83
	<hr/>
	\$794,807.86

### VALUATIONS ON ASSESSORS' BOOKS FOR 1944

Real estate, resident,	\$9,114,425.00
Real estate, non-resident,	4,468,020.00
Personal estate, resident,	429,550.00
Personal estate—non-resident,	1,406,925.00
Supplemental lists, real and personal,	11,625.00
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	\$15,430,545.00
Less corrections, etc.,	6,445.00
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	\$15,424,100.00

## ABATEMENTS AND OVERLAYS

Balance shown January 1, 1944,	\$139,338.90
Overlays for 1944,	34,806.16
	<hr/> \$174,145.06

## ABATEMENTS ALLOWED BY ASSESSORS DURING YEAR, 1944

1936,	\$1,548.47
1937,	1,643.93
1942,	5.15
1943,	1,160.40
1944,	2,279.69
	<hr/> 6,637.64

Balance in abatement account December 31, 1944,	\$167,507.42
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## BOARD OF REGISTRATION

Whole number of registered and qualified voters,	7,529
Whole number of enrolled voters,	6,275
Whole number of voters not enrolled,	1,254

## REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT BY WARDS

	<i>Total Registration</i>	<i>Rep.</i>	<i>Dem.</i>	<i>Not Enrolled</i>
Ward 1	1,558	1,215	145	198
Ward 2	339	226	55	58
Ward 3	624	434	84	106
Ward 4	731	500	109	122
Ward 5	1,657	1,167	189	301
Ward 6	1,038	781	112	145
Ward 7	1,582	969	289	324
	<hr/> 7,529	<hr/> 5,292	<hr/> 983	<hr/> 1,254

## REGISTERED VOTERS BY DISTRICTS

District 1—Ward 1,	1,558
District 2—Wards 2 and 3,	963
District 3—Wards 4 and 6,	1,769
District 4—Ward 5,	1,657
District 5—Ward 7,	1,582
	<hr/> 7,529

Soldiers registered other than on regular list—369.

## BUILDING INSPECTOR

339 permits have been issued during the year 1944 as follows:

5 Dwellings,	\$ 10,900.00
43 Garages,	11,601.00
7 Commercial buildings,	86,450.00
1 Barn,	3,500.00
7 Signs,	385.00
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	\$112,836.00
198 Alterations,	176,849.00
27 Installations of heating and equipment,	10,045.00
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	\$299,730.00

14 Permits to move buildings.

37 Permits to demolish buildings having a tax value of, \$8,420.00

Fees amounting to \$530.50 have been collected and turned over to the City Treasurer.

## ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

In 1944 new cables were installed at the following locations:

From the Electrical Station to Cash Corner on Broadway,  
 From Broadway and Cottage Street to Cottage and Pillsbury Streets,  
 From Broadway and Elm Street to Elm and Chestnut Streets,  
 From Ocean and A to Ocean and E Streets.

Also approximately three miles of open wires were installed replacing wires that had been in service more than twenty years and three miles of open wires for new line construction.

During 1944 this department installed 13 new fire alarm boxes in addition to 24 new fire alarm boxes installed by the Federal Government at the several housing projects. The 37 new fire alarm boxes represent an increase of 65% over 1943.

In addition to the above work, Engine 5 at Cash Corner was entirely rewired also work on public buildings and traffic lights was maintained.

## BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Number of regular meetings,	8
Number of public hearings,	3
Petition Granted,	1

(Public hearing—re: use of premises at 165 Cottage Road for real estate office and sales room—project later abandoned).

Petitions denied, 2

(1—Public hearing—re: permission for store on Westbrook Street, denied because location in agricultural zone).

(2—Public hearing—re: permission for use of store at 165 Cottage Road for lunch-room, denied because location in general residence zone).

Total number of meetings, 10

(Two petitions heard at public hearing of August 10, 1944).

## POOR DEPARTMENT

Number of city cases receiving aid in 1944:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Persons</i>
January,	22	31
February,	17	22
March,	19	31
April,	13	22
May,	11	17
June,	9	15
July,	8	11
August,	7	10
September,	8	13
October,	9	14
November,	10	17
December,	11	23

Number of State and outside city families receiving aid in 1944:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Persons</i>
January,	8	31
February,	8	25
March,	6	25
April,	7	31
May,	6	24
June,	9	42
July,	5	20
August,	6	22
September,	6	23
October,	8	33
November,	11	50
December,	12	45

Number at City Home during 1944,

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Cost for relief furnished during 1944,

\$ 4,360.57

8,279.01

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\$12,639.58

Less credits,

3,214.52

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\$9,425.06

Net cost of running City Home during 1944,

\$5,933.70

Less credit,

671.41

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\$5,262.29

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1944

Assaults,	60
Breaking or entering,	21
Larceny,	50
Gambling,	6
Embezzlement,	1
Vagrancy,	1
Mayhem,	2
Sex offenses,	29
Non-support,	25
Drunk and disorderly,	440
All other offenses,	268
Driving while intoxicated,	59
Violation of driving laws,	235
Parking offenses,	9
Traffic and motor vehicle laws,	72
All other offenses,	74
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	1,352
Paid and discharges,	505
Committed to county jail,	28
Probation and clemency,	80
Appealed,	37
Delivered to other authorities,	87
Bound over,	20
Sentenced to State institutions,	12
Discharged by court,	97
Discharged by police,	486
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	1,352
Value of stolen autos recovered and returned,	\$21,525.00
Value of stolen property recovered and returned,	1,310.34
Property recovered, not stolen,	1,238.20
Stolen bicycles recovered and returned,	672.95
Money taken in for parking tags,	725.50
Money taken in for bicycle licenses,	340.00
Money received from county, court fines and fees, and ordinances,	1,367.23
Money taken in for identification and pictures,	21.30
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	\$27,200.52
Night lodgers housed at police station,	- 45
Automobile accidents reported and investigated,	456
Radio calls sent from headquarters,	12,249
Radio calls received at headquarters,	9,715
Complaints investigated,	5,769

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bell alarms, street boxes,	116
Bell alarms, transmitter,	167
Still alarms,	<u>324</u>
Total alarms,	607
Out of town calls:	
Portland,	6
Cape Elizabeth,	6
Scarboro,	3
Multiple alarms:	
Second alarms,	8
Third alarms,	2
Fourth alarms,	2
General alarms,	1
Dwelling fires,	104
Commercial occupancies,	41
Garages, sheds and barns,	23
Motor vehicles,	42
Grass, dumps and brush,	237
False alarms,	70
Service calls,	18
Other,	20
Value of buildings involved,	\$126,500.00
Insurance on buildings,	128,600.00
Loss on buildings,	18,915.25
Value of contents involved,	28,025.00
Insurance on contents,	20,800.00
Loss on contents,	14,430.00
Total fire loss,	33,345.25
Per capita loss,	1.33



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT — 1944

In general the same condition of shortage of labor and materials existed this year as last but we believe we were successful in performing all necessary and essential services.

The following streets were accepted: Orlando Street, MacArthur Street, McKinley Street, Washington Avenue, Buchanan Street, Garfield Circle, Grant Street, Cotton Street, New York Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue, Delaware Avenue, Augusta Street, Boston Street, Berwick Street, Eliot Street, and Pitt Street from Richland Street to Providence Avenue, Roger Road, Fifth Street, Fort Road and Thompson Street.

The Gorham Road from Westbrook Street to the entrance to Long Creek Terrace was relocated and constructed with funds furnished by the Federal Government. Marion Street was also regraded and surfaced by the Federal Government. Parrott Street from Ocean Street to the top of the hill was rebuilt, and Alfred Street and parts of West Broadway were regraded and resurfaced by this department.

Thompson Street was graded through to Summit Street providing a passage-way for pedestrians and school children.

Ledge was removed from Sawyer Street in front of the Baptist Church.

100,843 gallons of tar and asphalt were applied to our streets in 1944, an increase of 20% over 1943.

1,196 tons of cold patch were applied to the streets this year.

10 permits were issued to property owners for the construction of new sidewalks with a total of 320 sq. yards. 2,512 sq. yards of concrete sidewalks were constructed by the city on Evans and Westbrook streets making a total of 2,832 sq. yards of new walks constructed in 1944.

Nine new catch basins or inlets were constructed, one catch basin rebuilt and one removed.

## CITY NURSE

The Nursing service was transferred from the supervision of the Red Cross to that of the city of South Portland on July 1, 1944. The policies and program of the service continue to be the same.

Well Baby Conferences were held at the high school regularly throughout the year. Health Conferences and Immunization Clinics were held in the Mountain View and Redbank Housing Projects from April through July.

Visits in the homes for illness and health supervision showed an increase of 756 over the previous year.

In June a survey of the Public Health Service given this community was made by Miss Hortense Hilbert, assistant director of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. A recommendation was made that more nurses be added to the staff if an adequate health program is to be carried out.

Regular meetings of the Nursing Activities Committee were held during the year. Assistance was given by this group to the nurses for all health projects.

Following is the statistical report:

	<i>Total Cases</i>	<i>Total Visits</i>
MATERNITY SERVICE,		
Expectant mothers,	166	398
New mothers,	126	230
MORBIDITY SERVICE,		
Non communicable,	214	2,293
Communicable,	9	111
Tuberculosis,	11	97
Syphilis,	2	6
CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S SERVICE,	4	47
HEALTH SERVICE,		
Newborn,	118	218
Infants,	309	323
Pre-school,	105	108
School,		36
Adult,		73
VISITS IN BEHALF OF SERVICE,		103
SOCIAL SERVICE,		33
CASES NOT HOME OR NOT FOUND,		103
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Total visits,		4,179
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
WELL BABY CONFERENCES,	35	440
HEALTH CONFERENCES IN HOUSING PROJECTS,	13	184
IMMUNIZATION CLINICS,		
Children protected against:		
Whooping Cough,	37	
Diphtheria,	94	
Smallpox,	34	

## HEALTH OFFICER AND CITY PHYSICIAN

The health laws of the State of Maine which govern conditions in this city and every city are understood by few people. The health officer is glad to give information regarding the law governing any health condition and will do all in his power to remedy any condition thought to be unhealthful, provided the laws of the State permit him to act.

In general, the property-owner is responsible for conditions in his house and on his land. Complaints regarding cesspools are all too common. The owner of the cesspool is responsible for its maintenance and should bear in mind that he and his family are the first to be in danger by infection from this source.

Owners of dogs must assume responsibility for the acts of their pets. Dog bites arouse much indignation, oftentimes create ill feeling, and can be a source of danger, not only from rabies, which is rare, but also from infection. It would seem advisable, therefore, not to permit dogs to stray at will. Dogs should be restrained by a leash especially where there are many small children.

Most people are sincerely interested in preventing the spread of contagious diseases. The notion that children will and even should contract so-called childhood diseases is out of date. The death rate from whooping-cough is greatest in children a few months old. Parents of small children who have been exposed to whooping-cough should have the children inoculated by the family physician. Parents of children who have whooping-cough should realize the tremendous care they must take to obey the quarantine laws and prevent their children from endangering the lives of others.

Scarlet fever is another very contagious disease. It is sometimes overlooked or confused with some other disease because the rash is slight. Every individual who develops a rash should be seen by the family doctor.

Following is a list of contagious diseases reported to me during the year 1944:

Chicken-pox,	259
Measles,	207
Whooping-cough,	136
Tuberculosis,	10
Scarlet fever,	82
Meningitis,	5
Poliomyelitis,	2

## MILK INSPECTOR

Four reports have been received from the State. All of these reports were from two farms.

Bacteria counts,	4
Farms inspected,	2
Average daily milk consumption in qts.,	6,000
Average daily consumption in light cream in qts.,	500

## PLUMBING INSPECTOR

There were 155 permits issued during the year 1944:

Toilets,	103
Lavatories,	78
Bath tubs,	37
Sinks,	79
Urinals,	17
Showers,	13
Floor traps,	15
Drinking fountains,	9

There were 29 Master Plumber licenses issued and 34 Journeyman licenses. Total amount of fees collected, \$712.60.

## RESTAURANT INSPECTOR

In March, 1944, we started a clean-up campaign of all eating places in the Shipyard area, which, up to that time, had been far below the standard, for various reasons.

As a full time inspector, I have been able to devote more time to carry on this work which requires many follow-up visits as this brief account will show.

Since last March, four (4) restaurants have had all floors scraped, washed and painted, as well as new ceilings. Three others have had new ventilating systems installed. One more, still, has a ventilating problem to overcome but we are working on that now.

Each restaurant has ample hot water for present needs but they are apt to expand beyond present equipment. Thus constant policing by inspector is necessary to prevent over-expansion.

The operatives and owners of these places are now more cooperative than at the beginning of the year, and a labor shortage is still a handicap to them.

On the whole, the picture is much better than last year.

## VITAL STATISTICS

Births,	602
Marriages,	292
Deaths,	266

## BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

### PERMITS ISSUED

MAY 3, 1944

To the New England Shipbuilding Corporation of South Portland, Maine, to dredge a portion of Portland Harbor north of the existing six ways of the New England Shipbuilding Corporation Yard, West Area, starting at a point 300 feet north of the end of the ground ways, thence approximately 70 feet to the top of proposed slope, from the line of the west side of Craneway No. 1, east to the line of the east side of Crane-way No. 7.

MAY 16, 1944

To the Seaboard Packing Company, Front Street, South Portland, Maine, to build and maintain a land fill beginning at a point at high water mark on the southwesterly line of said property and extending in a northerly direction to the southwesterly corner of the factory building, protected by rip rap and log abutment.

AUGUST 9, 1944

To the Casco Bay Light and Power Company of Portland, Maine, to lay and maintain a submarine cable between Peaks and Long Islands, in Casco Bay, Maine, for the purpose of transmitting electrical energy; located as follows: from a pole on Island Avenue, Peaks Island, Maine, close by and to the south of can buoy No. C11, to the beach on Long Island, Maine, north of College Island.

On April 2, 1944, Thomas Tucker was appointed Harbor Master and Theodore Langzettel, Deputy Harbor Master for the ensuing year, which appointments were confirmed by the City Council for the City of Portland, Maine.

### HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT — 1944

Taking care of anchorage buoy,	2 times
Investigating oil smears in harbor,	4 times
Clearing docks for traffic,	9 times
Towing bathing raft back to East End Bathing Beach, Portland.	
Placing a boom between Portland Pier and Commercial Wharf where building collapsed.	
Investigating fill washout at South Portland.	
Clearing harbor of logs,	17 times

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

There have been tested and sealed during the year:

Scales,	93
Gasoline pumps,	45
Oil pumps,	1
Truck meters,	5
Loading meters,	26
Gravity meters,	6
Taxi meters,	8
Truck tanks,	46
Trucks for wood,	3
Scales condemned,	2

Several complaints of short measure or weight have been investigated and adjusted when error has been found. Some cases by returning the overcharge and others by furnishing additional material when the complainant did not wish to bring court action.

One case was prosecuted and resulted in a conviction and fine and the guilty party placed on probation.

The continued shortage of gasoline results in many filling stations being closed and those in operation have many pumps empty as there is no high test gasoline.

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	<i>Dec. 31, 1944</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 1943</i>
1936,		\$ 1,548.47
1937,		1,643.93
1938,	\$ 1,193.98	1,198.98
1939,	1,187.90	1,187.90
1940,	695.47	695.47
1941,	7,240.83	7,748.15
1942,	6,611.14	7,052.92
1943,	6,937.57	29,151.22
1944,	28,085.80	
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	\$51,952.69	\$50,227.04

## DETAIL TAX DEEDS

	<i>Dec. 31, 1944</i>	<i>Dec. 31, 1943</i>
1924 and prior,	\$ 841.44	\$ 841.44
1925,	124.44	124.44
1926,	145.45	145.45
1927,	245.03	245.03
1928,	763.35	763.35
1929,	904.74	904.74
1930,	1,123.73	1,123.73
1931,	1,288.41	1,303.03
1932,	911.92	993.73
1933,	1,915.88	1,994.65
1934,	4,061.97	4,201.99
1935,	3,651.75	3,730.03
1936,	2,658.35	2,821.18
1937,	3,074.56	3,289.01
1938,	1,081.73	1,439.49
1939,	1,176.14	1,816.30
1940,	1,764.40	2,205.60
1941,	1,805.99	2,044.82
1942,	2,126.29	5,115.02
1943,	4,816.48	8,996.67
1944,	6,565.95	
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	\$41,048.00	\$44,099.70

# BALANCE SHEET

## ASSETS

*December 31, 1944*

### GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS

#### General revenue cash:

Available for current use,	\$170,465.98	
Segregated for post-war reserve,	24,560.00	
Teachers pension fund,	2,581.19	
	<hr/>	\$197,607.17

Uncollected taxes,	\$51,952.69	
Tax deeds,	41,048.00	

Less:	\$93,000.69	
Reserve for Uncollectible,	93,000.69	

City property acquired by deed,		4,605.76
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City property acquired by mortgage,	\$2,414.70	
Less: reserve for uncollectible,	2,414.70	

Accounts receivable,		681.55
Due from U. S. Government,		18,224.00
Sidewalk assessments,		1,009.49
Overdrawn appropriations:		
School department,		1,128.62
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		\$223,256.59

### SPECIAL FUNDS

#### South Portland library funds:

Savings account,	\$10,488.22
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### NET BONDED DEBT

Net bonded debt,	\$488,000.00
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# BALANCE SHEET

## LIABILITIES

December 31, 1944

### GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Vouchers payable,		\$31,422.05
Teachers pension fund,		2,581.19
Employees Pension fund,		724.18
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Total liabilities,		\$34,727.42
Reserve for sidewalk assessments,		1,009.49
Post-war reserves:		
Electrical department,	\$ 1,000.00	
Fire department,	1,800.00	
Police department,	2,500.00	
Streets and bridges,	8,000.00	
Breakwater,	1,000.00	
New equipment,	10,260.00	
	<hr/>	24,560.00
General fund surplus,		162,959.68
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		\$223,256.59

### SPECIAL FUNDS

South Portland library fund,	\$10,488.22
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### NET BONDED DEBT

Bonds payable,	\$488,000.00
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## CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Balance January 1, 1944,

\$143,379.95

Receipts from:

Excise tax collections,

\$ 18,715.95

Taxes:

1938,	\$	5.00
1941,		24.60
1942,		25.20
1943,		10,352.77
1944,		762,886.68

773,294.25

Tax deeds redeemed:

1931,	\$	14.62
1932,		81.81
1933,		78.77
1934,		140.02
1935,		78.28
1936,		162.83
1937,		214.45
1938,		357.76
1939,		640.16
1940,		441.20
1941,		238.83
1942,		2,968.29
1943,		4,170.03
1944,		4,511.52

14,098.57

City list, recorded tax deeds:

1941,	\$	401.54
1942,		416.58
1943,		783.21
1944,		1,142.52

2,743.85

Interest on taxes and tax deeds,

2,842.83

Departmental receipts:

Assessors,	\$	28.87
Board of registration,		239.40
Accounting and statistical,		8.80
City manager,		.20
Corporation counsel,		77.10
Election expense,		503.68
Printing and advertising,		149.06
Electrical department,		939.84
Poor department,		3,529.11
City clerk's fee		4,071.60
Court fees,		2,177.19

Departmental Receipts {continued}:

Fire department,	9,728.79	
Police department,	21,155.34	
City nurse,	493.00	
Plumbing inspector,	615.93	
Streets and bridges,	5,814.60	
Moving and repairing buildings,	191.00	
Contingent,	1,268.58	
Insurance,	3,344.13	
Building inspector's fees,	545.50	
Education,	8,355.05	
Bicycle licenses,	359.50	
		63,596.27
Dog licenses,		1,629.80
Railroad and bank stock tax,		1,770.88
City list collections and con-		
tingent polls,		1,638.50
Federal grants in lieu of taxes,		154,410.40
Sidewalk assessments,		132.72
City property acquired by deed,		2,883.04
Teacher's pension fund,		5,908.08
Temporary loans,		350,000.00
Municipal pension fund,		724.18
Withholding taxes,		52,075.30
Robert Verrier,		10.00
Fire department, Lanham fund,		4,073.93
School department, 1943 overdraft,		5,587.50
Collection of back taxes,		57.20
Total receipts,		1,456,193.25
Total available,		\$1,599,573.20

Disbursements:

Deferred items, 1944 bills approved but unpaid,	\$ 23,954.27	
1944 warrants, operations, \$1,026,748.53		
Temporary loans,	350,000.00	
		1,376,748.53
Petty cash,		10.00
City property acquired by deed, refund,		225.00
Refund of 1943,		3.00
Refund of 1944,		174.47
Refund of excise taxes,		8.26
Refund railroad and bank stock tax,		19.50
Refund city clerk's fees,		20.00
Transfer to special funds,		1,008.00
Total disbursements,		\$1,402,171.03

Cash balance December 31, 1944, \$197,402.17

## RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

This department began operation under a paid superintendent on May 1st. In the following eight months of the year 1944, the following accomplishments can be listed.

### PLAYGROUNDS

Four playgrounds were established and operated for eight weeks of the summer: Henley, Brown, Kaler and Thornton Heights schools. The school department cooperated in giving the use of the school basements for toilet and drinking fountain facilities, and for storeroom and shelter purposes. The playground operations were fully scheduled with daily and weekly programs completely arranged. The Children's Theatre shows were brought to Brown school and Mt. View for performances of their plays. Children were transported from all parts of the city for this activity. A city wide Field Day was held August 24th at Kaler playground with an attendance of 350. The total attendance at the playgrounds for the eight week season was 10,592. Two additional playgrounds are planned for 1945. Lincoln school and South Portland Heights bought \$2,700 worth of playground equipment, including swings, slides, jungle-gyms, volleyball and paddle tennis courts, safety swings for small children, and work tables. These will be installed on the six playgrounds in 1945.

### LEAGUES

The department operated softball, baseball, basketball and football leagues at the proper seasons, and boys, girls, men and women took part in these leagues. Sixty different teams were active in these leagues.

### WILLARD BEACH

One of the barrack buildings secured from the Federal Government was moved to the foot of Willow Street and will be remodeled into a modern bathhouse, with a basket system of checking, dressing booths, toilets, showers, store-room, lobby, and lunch counter. When this is completed and the grounds landscaped, parking spaces provided, and the beach supervised, the completed project will fill a long-felt need. Eventually, two floats with diving boards should be provided, as well as fireplaces and picnic tables for outings.

### BOYS CLUB

This department has assisted the Boys Club program at the Union Armory by providing painting and repairs, and by furnishing much needed equipment and supervision. Further help can be given this club in the future.

## MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

With the cooperation of the S. P. Housing Authority and its staff, this splendid Federal building was opened up as a full-time community center. It has been open five afternoons a week for children from six to 13 years of age, and six evenings for people 14 years and up, including adults. A complete and well-rounded program was set up including all athletic activities, arts and crafts for girls and shop for boys, dramatics, parties, dancing, bowling and pingpong, movies and a Teen-age club. The attendance has run from 1,400 to 1,700 per week.

### COUNCILS

Grammar school and high school councils were organized to meet with the superintendent of the department and help plan activities. This gave the young people a feeling that they had a real part developing the department.

### BUILDINGS

In addition to Willard Beach Bathhouse, other barrack buildings were moved to Pitt Street and a store-room and shop and garage was established there for this department.

### WINTER SPORTS

Skating and sliding were taken over by this department and supervised throughout the city

### PARKS

Plans are underway to develop the Thomas property between Ocean Street, Cottage Road and Broadway as a park, with a pond, lawns, trees and shrubbery, flowers, etc. Other small plots about the city are planned as sites for flower plots in an effort to beautify the city.

### LANHAM ACT FUNDS

Lanham Act funds in the amount of about \$10,000 were obtained from the Federal Government and were a great help to us in our first year, for they allowed us to put more of our money into equipment and improvements, particularly playground equipment, and the development at Willard Beach.

### EXPENDITURES

The \$8,500 allotted this department by the City Council was spent as follows:

Salary of superintendent,	\$2,000.00
Playground apparatus,	2,667.00
Supplies,	622.47
Playground and beach program,	2,190.00
Buildings,	771.14
Car and truck expense,	235.49
Miscellaneous,	13.90
Total,	<hr/> \$8,500.00

# ITEMIZED DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

January 1, 1944, to December 31, 1944

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### Assessors:

Salaries,	\$2,600.48
Extra help and overtime,	4,924.22
Assistant assessors,	525.00
Telephone,	93.05
Stationery and office supplies,	240.79
Postage,	27.38
Furniture,	115.00
Films, photos and maps,	84.14
Auto expense,	298.79
Miscellaneous,	68.41

\$8,977.26

Less: reimbursement of auto expense,

28.87

\$ 8,948.39

### City Council:

Salaries of councilmen,	1,500.00
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### City Manager:

Salary—city manager,	\$4,999.92
Telephone,	182.82
Stationery and office supplies,	31.55
Auto expense,	176.27
Miscellaneous,	15.00

5,405.56

### Purchasing Department:

Salaries—clerks,	\$1,273.66
Stationery and office supplies,	314.32
Postage,	64.00
Servicing office equipment,	3.25
Miscellaneous,	14.72

1,669.95

### Accounting and Statistical:

Salaries,	\$7,234.88
Telephone,	112.46
Stationery and office supplies,	857.73
Postage,	522.48
Recording deed fees,	24.53
Servicing office equipment,	36.45
Miscellaneous,	50.46

\$8,838.99

Less: telephone refunds,

18.80

8,820.19

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT {continued}

Corporation Council:		
Salary,	\$999.96	
Less: services performed for State,	77.10	
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City Building:		
Salary—janitor,	\$2,458.50	
Power and lights,	515.75	
Fuel,	407.70	
Supplies,	184.67	
Building repairs,	168.77	
Land rent,	120.35	
Miscellaneous,	94.20	
	<hr/>	3,949.94
Printing and Advertising:		
Resident tax lists,	\$100.00	
Non-resident tax list,	89.25	
Public notices,	280.13	
Advertising,	145.07	
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	\$614.45	
Less: payments of advertising costs,	149.06	
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Board of Registration:		
Salaries,	\$1,370.50	
Stationery and office supplies,	693.11	
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	\$2,063.61	
Less: water district election,	\$215.40	
Sale of check lists,	24.00	
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	<hr/>	1,824.21
Election Expense:		
Salaries—election officials,	1,666.00	
Fees—notaries and constables,	25.00	
Ballots,	192.00	
Rent of polling places,	231.00	
Erecting voting booths,	44.28	
Storage fire apparatus during elections,	29.00	
Meals at polling places,	330.00	
Miscellaneous,	318.61	
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	\$2,835.89	
Less: water district election,	503.68	
	<hr/>	2,332.21

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT {continued}

## Special Expense—Collection of Back Taxes:

Salary of constable,	\$108.11	
Less: payment of summons,	57.20	
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		\$35,889.61

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Building Inspector:

Salary (¼ ),	\$1,717.25	
Stationery and office supplies,	11.07	
Automobile expense,	55.26	
Miscellaneous,	2.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,785.93

### Electrical Department:

Salary—electricians and assistant,	\$ 2,250.00
Salary—extra labor,	4,099.17
Building repairs,	13.00
Fuel,	165.18
Light and power,	135.36
Maintenance fire alarm system,	2,423.95
New equipment,	1,860.27
Automobile expense,	628.95
Miscellaneous,	40.43

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\$11,616.31

### Less: extra labor and materials furnished,

410.34

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11,205.97

### Fire Department:

Salaries—chief,	\$ 2,545.26
Salaries—regulars,	18,974.00
Salaries—volunteers,	12,878.59
Salaries—extra labor outside city,	9,884.00
Telephone,	1,018.65
Stationery and office supplies,	39.12
Uniforms,	313.85
Equipment repairs,	8,320.21
Gas, oil and grease,	200.43
Building repairs—Central Fire Station,	551.28
Building repairs—volunteer houses,	590.96
Furniture—furnishing Central Fire Station,	312.07
Rent—volunteer houses,	751.55
Fuel,	1,535.91
Light and power,	455.31
Laundry,	316.27
Miscellaneous,	7,023.27



# PUBLIC SAFETY {continued}

Lanham fund,		12,903.00	
		<u>\$78,613.73</u>	
Less: miscellaneous income,	\$ 141.79		
extra labor furnished,	9,587.00		
due from U. S. Government,	18,224.00		
	<u>27,952.79</u>		50,660.94
Fire Department—Special:			
New equipment,			1,394.96
Police Department:			
Salaries—chief,	\$ 1,542.03		
Salaries—regulars,	36,157.88		
Salaries—special,	2,478.78		
Salaries—clerk,	1,560.00		
Salaries—extra labor outside,	21,851.95		
Telephone,	509.81		
Stationery and office supplies,	183.24		
Office equipment,	213.90		
Uniforms,	1,349.33		
Police supplies,	436.18		
Automobile repairs and maintenance,	3,122.72		
Gas, oil and grease,	2,594.87		
Traffic markings,	596.67		
Miscellaneous,	938.05		
Lanham fund,	3,642.66		
	<u>\$77,178.07</u>		
Less: receipts from labor furnished,	\$20,906.83		
miscellaneous receipts,	248.51		
	<u>21,155.34</u>		56,022.73
Police Department—Special:			
New equipment,			4,029.38
Harbor Commission:			
Salaries,			200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures:			
Supplies,	\$ 6.85		
Telephone,	60.35		
Automobile expense,	120.00		
	<u>187.20</u>		
Water and Hydrants:			
Hydrant rentals,	\$3,043.25		
Hydrant repairs,	395.50		
	<u>3,438.75</u>		
			<u>\$128,925.86</u>

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

### City Physician and Health Officer:

Salary,	\$ 699.96	
Inoculations and vaccine supplies,	133.25	
Stationery,	4.50	
Miscellaneous,	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 839.21

### City Dump:

Salary,	\$2,486.89	
Supplies,	122.61	
	<hr/>	2,609.50

### City Nurse:

Salary,	\$3,772.37	
Supplies,	75.14	
Automobile expense,	204.71	
Telephone,	31.57	
Equipment,	1,075.39	
Rent,	100.00	
Clinic Fees,	100.00	
Miscellaneous,	33.16	
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\$5,392.34

### Less: fees collected,

493.00	
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### Milk Inspector:

Salary,	199.22
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### Plumbing Inspector:

Salary,	\$1,893.54	
Automobile allowance,	287.50	
Miscellaneous,	148.29	
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\$2,329.33

### Less: cash refunds telephone,

6.19	
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### Vital Statistics:

Fees,	8.25
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### Collection of Garbage:

Contract,	7,250.63
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\$18,129.99

## HIGHWAY

Administration,	\$ 6,672.74
Maintenance,	72,841.41
New equipment,	342.28
Snow removal and sanding,	9,853.27
Cement walks,	8,851.16
State aid highway—maintenance,	900.02
State aid highway—patrols,	173.88
Maintenance skating ponds,	477.80
Cement walks—special,	5,213.65
Land damage,	3,422.60
Ferry pontoons,	1,052.35
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	\$109,801.16
Less: extra labor and material furnished,	\$5,077.24
miscellaneous income,	737.36
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	5,814.60
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	\$103,986.56

## POOR DEPARTMENT

### City Home:

Salaries—superintendent ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ),	\$ 439.92
Salaries—help,	2,145.00
Light and power,	389.69
Household supplies,	123.11
Provisions,	2,203.11
Fuel,	527.31
New equipment and furnishings,	29.05
Building repairs,	115.06
Miscellaneous,	179.78
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	\$ 6,152.03

### Out Poor:

Salaries—superintendent ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ),	\$1,362.83
Salaries—clerks and truck drivers,	2,311.80
Stationery and supplies,	44.82
Telephone,	94.07
Heat, light and power,	87.51
Building repairs,	117.63
Automobile expense,	291.69
Doctors' fees,	25.00
Medicine and medical supplies,	77.11
Hospital expense,	434.77
Clothes and shoes,	12.10
Cash relief,	18.00
Food,	1,587.53

# POOR DEPARTMENT *{continued}*

Fuel,	192.77	
Rents,	1,598.74	
Board of children and adults,	1,973.58	
Miscellaneous,	1.31	
South Portland—outside cases,	1,817.64	
		12,048.90
Mothers' Aid,		646.00
		<hr/> \$18,846.93

## EDUCATION

Elementary Schools:		
Teachers' salaries,	\$169,504.12	
Textbooks,	5,018.15	
Supplies,	4,326.51	
Fuel,	10,147.95	
Janitors,	16,017.23	
Utilities,	3,067.97	
		<hr/> \$208,081.93
High Schools:		
Teachers' salaries,	\$65,034.57	
Textbooks,	1,833.00	
Library,	414.12	
Supplies,	1,806.26	
Fuel,	3,439.56	
Janitors,	8,757.53	
Utilities,	1,345.82	
		<hr/> 82,630.86
Industrial education,		16,142.47
Physical education,		4,455.04
Attendance officer,		920.00
Superintendent of schools,		4,992.00
Buildings:		
Maintenance,	\$9,046.32	
Repairs,	6,627.89	
Summer work,	737.91	
Supplies,	1,915.66	
		<hr/> 18,327.78

# EDUCATION {continued}

Equipment,	2,254.39
Insurance,	3,678.39
Contingent,	1,157.86
School Physician,	665.00

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\$343,305.72

Less: dividends and refunds—insurance,	\$ 541.03
received from State and sundry sources,	50,780.57
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	51,321.60

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\$291,984.12

## Taxes to Other Civil Divisions:

Portland Bridge District,	\$ 1,910.53
Cumberland County,	26,530.64
State of Maine,	121,028.77
Sewerage District,	61,937.50
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	\$211,407.44

## Parks and Recreation:

Salary—superintendent,	\$ 1,557.63
Salary—employees,	3,861.90
Supplies,	439.75
Automobile expense,	235.49
Equipment,	1,662.87
Telephone,	.70
Miscellaneous,	13.20
Special,	210.72
Moving buildings,	3,228.57
Land,	12,450.00

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\$23,660.83

Less: sale of materials,

191.00

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\$23,469.83

## Contingent:

Traffic signs,	\$ 81.63
Surety bond premiums,	189.82
Paying agent's fees,	167.18
Clean-up week expense,	149.42
Memorial Day expense,	200.00
Dues—Maine Municipal Association,	170.00
Miscellaneous,	7,717.24
Public landings,	2.82
Boys Club—Union Armory,	56.70

## EDUCATION {continued}

Registering deeds,	.77	
Civilian defense,	387.32	
Willard Beach toilets,	96.86	
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	\$9,219.76	
Less: State of Maine land damage,	\$495.68	
rent Thomas St. property,	325.00	
canning center,	176.47	
miscellaneous receipts,	281.43	
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	1,278.58	
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		\$7,941.18
Damages and Claims:		
Claims settled,		14.00
Insurance,	\$6,787.15	
Less: dividends and refunds,	2,803.10	
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		3,984.05
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Annual audit,		\$625.00
Union Armory:		
Salary—janitor,	\$100.00	
Light and power,	11.94	
Fuel,	50.41	
Miscellaneous,	1.08	
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		\$163.43
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Street Lights:		
Street light rentals,		\$20,528.89
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Interest:		
Bonds,	\$17,750.00	
Temporary loans,	945.00	
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		\$18,695.00
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Debt Retirement:		
Bonds retired,		\$46,000.00
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Reserve for Tax Abatements:		
Transferred to reserve for uncollected taxes,		\$12,129.45
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		\$942,721.34

**CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1944**

	<i>Balance Forward</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Sundry Receipts and Credits</i>	<i>Net Expenditures</i>	<i>Overdraft</i>	<i>Unexpended</i>
<b>General Government:</b>							
Assessors,		\$ 8,795.00	\$ 8,986.26	\$ 37.87	\$ 8,948.39	\$ 153.39	
City council,		1,500.00	1,500.00		1,500.00		
City manager,		5,230.00	5,405.56		5,405.56	175.56	
Purchasing department,		1,494.00	1,669.95		1,669.95	175.95	
Accounting and statistical,		8,795.00	8,838.99	18.80	8,820.19	25.19	
Corporation council,		1,030.00	999.96	77.10	922.86		\$ 107.14
City building,		5,000.00	3,949.94		3,949.94		1,050.06
Printing and advertising,		1,780.00	614.45	149.06	465.39		1,314.61
Board of registration,		1,550.00	2,063.61	239.40	1,824.21	274.21	
Election expense,		1,700.00	2,835.89	503.68	2,332.21	632.21	
Collection of back taxes,		500.00	108.11	57.20	50.91		449.09
		<u>\$37,374.00</u>	<u>\$36,972.72</u>	<u>\$1,083.11</u>	<u>\$35,889.61</u>	<u>\$1,436.51</u>	<u>\$2,920.90</u>
<b>Public Safety:</b>							
Building inspector,	\$	1,971.00	\$ 1,785.93		\$ 1,785.93		\$ 185.07
Electrical department,		13,410.00	11,616.31	\$ 410.34	11,205.97		2,204.03
Fire department,		38,666.60	78,613.73	27,952.79	50,660.94	\$11,994.34	
Fire department—special,		300.00	1,394.96		1,394.96	1,094.96	
Police department,		52,129.00	77,178.07	21,155.34	56,022.73	3,893.73	
Police department—special,		3,800.00	4,029.38		4,029.38	229.38	
Harbor commission,		200.00	200.00		200.00		
Sealer of weights and measures,		230.00	187.20		187.20		42.80
Water and hydrants,		4,005.00	3,438.75		3,438.75		566.25
		<u>\$114,711.60</u>	<u>\$178,444.33</u>	<u>\$49,518.47</u>	<u>\$128,925.86</u>	<u>\$17,212.41</u>	<u>\$2,998.15</u>

## Health and Sanitation:

City physician and health officer,	\$ 775.00	\$ 839.21		\$ 839.21	\$ 64.21	
City dump,	2,250.00	2,609.50		2,609.50	359.50	
City nurse,	4,775.00	5,392.34	\$493.00	4,899.34	124.34	
Milk inspector,	200.00	199.92		199.92		\$ .08
Plumbing inspector,	2,300.00	2,329.33	6.19	2,323.14	23.14	
Vital statistics,	15.00	8.25		8.25		6.75
Garbage collection,	8,170.00	7,250.63		7,250.63		919.37
	<u>\$18,485.00</u>	<u>\$18,629.18</u>	<u>\$499.19</u>	<u>\$18,129.99</u>	<u>\$571.19</u>	<u>\$926.20</u>

## Highway:

Pontoons at Ferry Village,	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,052.35		\$ 1,052.35	\$ 52.35	
Administrative,	6,750.00	6,672.74		6,672.74		\$77.26
Maintenance—streets and bridges,	63,830.00	72,841.41	\$5,814.60	67,026.81	3,196.81	
New equipment,		342.28		342.28	342.28	
Snow removal,	9,000.00	9,853.27		9,853.27	853.27	
Cement walks,	4,000.00	8,851.16		8,851.16	4,851.16	
State aid 3rd class road,	900.00	900.02		900.02	.02	
Patrol—State highway aid,	100.00	173.88		173.88	73.88	
Maintenance of skating ponds,	250.00	477.80		477.80	227.80	
Land damages,	600.00	3,422.60		3,422.60	2,822.60	
Cement walks—special,	5,000.00	5,213.65		5,213.65	213.65	
	<u>\$91,430.00</u>	<u>\$109,801.16</u>	<u>\$5,814.60</u>	<u>\$103,986.56</u>	<u>\$12,633.82</u>	<u>\$77.26</u>

## Poor Department:

City home,	\$ 5,908.00	\$ 6,152.03		\$ 6,152.03	\$ 244.03	
Outside poor—city,	12,588.00	10,231.26		10,231.26		\$2,356.74
Outside poor—other places,		1,817.64		1,817.64	1,817.64	
Aid to dependent children,	1,200.00	646.00		646.00		554.00
	<u>\$19,696.00</u>	<u>\$18,846.93</u>		<u>\$18,846.93</u>	<u>\$2,061.67</u>	<u>\$2,910.74</u>



**CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE**  
**APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 1944**

	<i>Balance Forward</i>	<i>Appropriation</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Sundry Receipts and Credits</i>	<i>Net Expenditures</i>	<i>Overdraft</i>	<i>Unexpended</i>
Education,	\$5,587.50	\$296,443.00	\$342,764.69	\$50,780.57	\$291,984.12	\$1,128.62	
Taxes to Other Civil Divisions:							
Portland bridge district,		\$ 1,910.53	\$ 1,910.53		\$ 1,910.53		
Cumberland County,		26,530.64	26,530.64		26,530.64		
State of Maine,		121,028.77	121,028.77		121,028.77		
Sewerage district,		61,937.50	61,937.50		61,937.50		
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		\$211,407.44	\$211,407.44		\$211,407.44		
44 Recreation and Parks:							
Parks and recreation,		\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,982.26		\$ 7,982.26		\$ 517.74
Land,		8,000.00	12,450.00		12,450.00	\$4,450.00	
Moving and repairing buildings,		5,000.00	3,228.57	\$191.00	3,037.57		1,962.43
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		\$21,500.00	\$23,660.83	\$191.00	\$23,469.83	\$4,450.00	\$2,480.17
Miscellaneous:							
Contingent,		\$13,500.00	\$ 9,216.34	\$1,268.58	\$ 7,947.76		\$5,552.24
Damage claims,		100.00	14.00		14.00		86.00
Insurance,		3,070.00	7,328.18	3,344.13	3,984.05	\$914.05	
Annual audit,		625.00	625.00		625.00		
Civilian defense,		700.00		6.58	6.58		706.58
Union Armory,		250.00	163.43		163.43		86.57
Street lights,		20,600.00	20,528.89		20,528.89		71.11
Interest,		18,865.00	18,695.00		18,695.00		170.00
Bond retirement,		46,000.00	46,000.00		46,000.00		
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		\$103,710.00	\$102,570.84	\$4,619.29	\$97,951.55	\$914.05	\$6,672.50

Reserve Fund,	\$10,000.00						\$10,000.00
Reserve for Tax Abatements,	\$12,129.45	\$	12,129.45		\$	12,129.45	
Special Reserve Accounts:							
Electrical department,	\$ 1,000.00						\$ 1,000.00
Fire department,	1,800.00						1,800.00
Police department,	2,500.00						2,500.00
Streets and bridges,	8,000.00						8,000.00
Breakwater,	1,000.00						1,000.00
New equipment,	10,260.00						10,260.00
	<u>\$24,560.00</u>						<u>\$24,560.00</u>
Grand totals,	\$5,587.50	\$961,446.49	\$1,055,227.57	\$112,506.23	\$942,721.34	\$40,408.27	\$53,545.92

Total unexpended balance,	\$53,545.92	
Less: unexpended reserve accounts carried forward to 1945,	<u>24,560.00</u>	\$28,985.92
Total overdrafts,	\$40,408.27	
Less: overdraft of school department carried forward to 1945,	<u>1,128.62</u>	<u>39,279.65</u>
Excess of expenditures over appropriations,		\$10,293.73
Add: excess of actual revenues over those estimated,		<u>2,078.00</u>
Net loss from appropriation and revenue accounts,		\$ 8,215.73

## SOUTH PORTLAND SEWERAGE DISTRICT

Your trustees submit herewith their report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1944.

No new construction or extension of our sewerage system was undertaken during the year due to the critical times.

Several petitions were received requesting the construction of sewers. These were held in abeyance awaiting more favorable conditions, possibly to be included in a post-war program.

The sewerage systems in Stanwood Park, Sunset Park Extension and Pleasant Park constructed by the several developers, were deeded by them to the District. These sewers were constructed under our supervision and will be added to our system.

All necessary maintenance and repair work on our sewers was carried out and, in addition, we were called upon to do much emergency work for the relief of serious conditions in house connections, normally cared for by private contractors.

Bonds were retired in the amount of \$30,000.00 and no new bonds were issued.

There were forty-five permits issued for new house sewers and relays during the year.

## BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1944

### ASSETS

Cash—General,	\$ 10,903.76
New construction,	4,000.00
Accounts receivable,	1,168.52
Sinking fund cash,	3,668.35
Old sewer assessments,	808.94
Sewer assessments—1926,	522.32
Sewer assessments—1928,	262.83
Sewer assessments—1929,	5,427.73
Sewer assessments—1930,	1,394.42
Sewer assessments—1936,	1,801.18
Sewer assessments—1938,	2,490.77
Cash impounded,	150.44
Sinking fund impounded cash,	\$7,149.32
Less: special assessment for sinking	
fund imp. cash,	4,707.95
	<hr/> 2,441.37
City of South Portland and district contract,	32,230.72
Fixed capital,	645,596.95
	<hr/> \$712,868.30

### LIABILITIES AND CREDITS

City of South Portland deferred assessment,	\$ 9,691.60
Sewer permit adjustment,	11,058.00
Sinking fund accretions,	288,118.70
Construction fund accretions,	4,000.00
Bonded debt,	400,000.00
	<hr/> \$712,868.30

## SUMMARY OF SEWER ASSESSMENTS

As of December 31, 1944

	<i>Charges</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>
City assessment to 1925,	\$ 3,167.67	\$ 2,358.73	\$ 808.94
District assessments—1926,	6,699.16	6,176.84	522.32
District assessments—1928,	5,390.49	5,127.66	262.83
District assessments—1929,	33,958.18	28,530.45	5,427.73
District assessments—1930,	14,875.20	13,480.78	1,394.42
District assessments—1936,	7,425.19	5,624.01	1,801.18
District assessments—1938,	6,742.65	4,251.88	2,490.77
	<hr/> \$78,258.54	<hr/> \$65,550.35	<hr/> \$12,708.19

## CASH STATEMENT — 1944

Dr.	
Cash balance, 1/1/44,	\$ 4,926.50
Accounts receivable,	6,136.56
Miscellaneous expense,	22.00
City assessment—1944,	61,937.50
Maintenance and repairs,	26.37
Sewer permit adjustment,	400.00
Interest and discount,	79.24
Old sewer assessments,	49.50
Sewer assessments—1926,	103.28
Sewer assessments—1929,	168.37
Sewer assessments—1930,	45.85
Sewer assessments—1936,	287.72
Sewer assessments—1938,	178.84
Due Federal Government on taxes,	892.73
	<hr/> \$75,254.46

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Salary—treasurer's,	\$ 100.00
Private work,	4,400.96
Interest on bonded debt,	15,787.50
Maintenance and repairs,	7,831.66
Miscellaneous expense,	2,736.42
Materials,	506.87
Franklin Terrace extension,	11.00
Sinking fund,	28,083.56
Due Federal Government on taxes,	892.73
Cash balance, 12/31/44:	
General cash,	10,903.76
New construction,	4,000.00
	<hr/> \$75,254.46

## SINKING FUND — 1944

Balance in fund, 1/1/44,	\$ 5,584.79
Appropriation for bonded debt,	26,000.00
Appropriation for impounded sinking fund,	1,250.00
Sewer collections,	833.56
	<hr/> \$33,668.35
Bonds redeemed, 8/1/44,	\$20,000.00
Bonds redeemed, 11/1/44,	10,000.00
Balance in fund, 12/31/44	3,668.35
	<hr/> \$33,668.35

# BUDGET ACCOUNTS — 1944

	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Credits</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Unexpended Balance</i>
Bonded debt,	\$26,000.00		\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	
Interest on bonded debt,	15,787.50		15,787.50	15,787.50	
Salary,	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Miscellaneous expense,	2,800.00	\$ 24.16	2,824.16	2,736.64	\$ 87.52
Maintenance and repairs,	12,000.00	1,729.63	13,729.63	8,999.88	4,729.75
Interest and discount,		79.24	79.24		79.24
Purchase discount,		24.97	24.97		24.97
Impounded sinking fund,	1,250.00		1,250.00	1,250.00	
New construction,	4,000.00		4,000.00		4,000.00
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	\$61,937.50	\$1,858.00	\$63,795.50	\$54,874.02	

1944 unexpended balance—general cash, \$4,921.48

1944 unexpended balance—new construction, 4,000.00

## BONDED DEBT

	<i>Issued</i>	<i>Redeemed</i>	<i>Outstanding</i>
Issue of Nov. 1, 1925 4's, Payable \$10,000 yearly, 1931-50.	\$200,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Issue of Aug. 1, 1926 4's, Payable \$10,000 yearly, 1932-51.	200,000.00	130,000.00	70,000.00
Issue of Aug. 1, 1927 4's, Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1933-52.	100,000.00	60,000.00	40,000.00
Issue of Aug. 1, 1929 5's, Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1939-53.	75,000.00	30,000.00	45,000.00
Issue of Sept. 1, 1934 4's, Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1946-50.	25,000.00		25,000.00
Issue of Oct. 1, 1935 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ s, Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1951-55.	25,000.00		25,000.00
Issue of Sept. 1, 1936 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ 's, Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1951-55.	25,000.00		25,000.00
Issue of May 1, 1937 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, Payable \$6,000 yearly, 1952-56.	30,000.00		30,000.00
Issue of Oct. 1, 1938 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ 's, Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1953-57.	25,000.00		25,000.00
Issue of Oct. 1, 1939 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 's, Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1954-58.	25,000.00		25,000.00
Issue of July 1, 1940 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 's, Payable \$5,000 yearly, 1955-60.	30,000.00		30,000.00
	\$760,000.00	\$360,000.00	\$400,000.00

HENRY J. BOLAND, *President.*  
 THOMAS JOHNSON,  
 HUBBARD C. NEWELL, } *Trustees.*  
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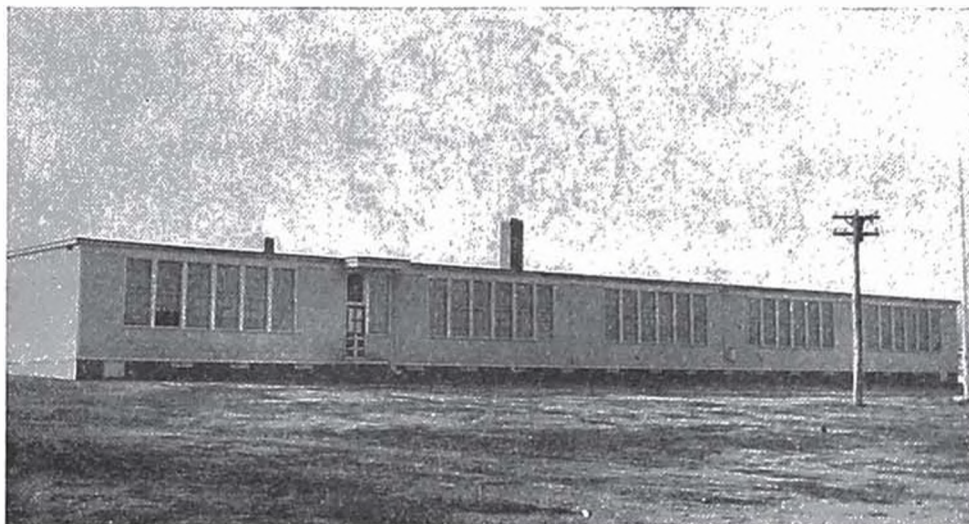
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## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

GERALD LORD, *Chairman, ex-officio, representing the City Council*

<i>District</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>
1. MEREDITH L. TREFETHEN .....	1946
2. JOHN B. WOODBURY .....	1947
3. RAYMOND H. FROST .....	1947
4. DR. WALDO T. SKILLIN .....	1945
5. GEORGE E. TAYLOR .....	1945

GEORGE E. BEAL, *Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the Board of Education.*



*MARION STREET SCHOOL*

This eight-room building was built and equipped by The Federal Works Agency with Lanham Act Funds. The project was known as Me-17-148. The Federal Works Agency delegated to the Federal Public Housing Authority the responsibility of construction. The architect was Miller & Beal, Portland, Maine, and the contractor, Friel Construction Company, Medford, Massachusetts. The building was occupied September 5, 1944.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit the report of the schools of South Portland for the year 1944.

Housing of pupils continued to be one of the major problems. With the opening of the apartments at Broadview Extension it was necessary to increase the number of classes which were housed temporarily in the community building at Mountain View. At the close of school in June we had a second, third and combined fourth and fifth grade room there.

As Peary Village was nearing completion we anticipated a need for additional facilities there. We had the architect design an addition to Lincoln School which would take care of the anticipated increase and would also work into a pleasing development of the building in the future. The application was filed with W. P. A. but turned down on the basis that F. P. H. A. had said that Peary Village would not be occupied.

In the fall F. P. H. A. changed its policy and closed Mountain View Apartments and opened Peary Village. This presented the problem that we had hoped to solve by an addition at Lincoln but which the federal agencies had said would not be needed.

At the opening of school the new eight room building at Marion Street was completed and opened. It was over-crowded and immediately we had to reorganize classes in that area. All fifth grade pupils were sent to Kaler School. At Evans Street we established a first and a second grade room. All sub-primary children in the area went to the Marion Street School.

With the opening of Peary Village we soon had an over-crowded condition at Lincoln School and parents from this section had to send children to other schools where there was available room. It was finally necessary to start a fourth grade room in the recreation building at Peary Village.

Our elementary enrollment for the fall term was 3,889 an increase of 271 over the previous year. Registration at the Marion Street School was 401. Lincoln School's enrollment jumped from 353 to 395 and Reynolds from 134 to 171. This increase was due in part to the falling off in registration at Redbank as the F. P. H. A. closed the trailers and many of the people moved to either Broadview or Peary Village.

Outside of the housing difficulties created by the federal projects the enrollment has increased from 325 to 389 at Thornton Heights. Any further increase here will call for extra rooms which are not now available as practically all classes are at capacity and there is no more available space in which to organize further classes.

Not only has it been a difficult problem to house the pupils but it has been hard to keep the faculty fully staffed. During the year due to resignations and increased enrollment it has been necessary to hire thirty-two for positions in the elementary schools and seven for the high school. This at a time of teacher shortage and in some instances of short notice has been a difficult task. Yet we have in most cases been able to secure either a trained or experienced person.

Under such conditions it has been very difficult to find substitutes for teachers absent because of illness. We are very grateful to that list of persons who have at short notice been willing to take this work.

Mention should be made of those teachers who after many years of valued service to the community retire. This year these teachers retired: Miss Mary E. Jewell who served her whole life-time of service of forty years in this city; Miss Elizabeth P. Whipple, who taught twenty-two of her thirty-eight years of service here; and Miss Alice M. Treadwell who because of other responsibilities resigned with twenty-eight years of service in South Portland. For such loyal service over so many years the city publicly acknowledges its gratitude.

Throughout the year the department has recognized its responsibilities to the community through cooperation with those agencies which are promoting the welfare of the city. The Recreation Commission asked for the use of school buildings and grounds for the promotion of playgrounds. Permission was given and the program carried out by the Recreation department.

The Community Canning Center again had the use of the home economics laboratories and facilities in the high school building. The Nursing Association has had the use of rooms for clinics. The armed services have had the use of the gymnasium and athletic field at the high school. The Board has sought to cooperate in all possible ways for the full development of worth while activities wherever possible without infringing upon its own program.

Our classroom program has gone on very successfully. This reflects credit upon our principals and teachers as there has been a constant shifting of school population. During the school year ending in June we had 655 pupils enter our system from other communities after school had opened. Despite the problem of class and pupil adjustment which this necessitated the results of standardized tests evidenced excellent work accomplished.

The gross expenditures for the year increased. The per pupil cost was greatly reduced because of the necessity of accommodating large sized classes in available rooms. Lanham Act funds were applied for but were not necessary due to the payments made by F. P. H. A. in lieu of taxes and the greatly increased state aid. A full financial statement will be found in this report and the statistical summaries which are published annually.

As the department has been happy to cooperate with other agencies it also wishes to acknowledge all the help, courtesies, and gifts extended by other city departments, local organizations, parents and friends. It wishes to voice its desire to continue to be of the greatest possible benefit to the educational and general welfare of the community.

# REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

For the Year 1944-1945

In June, 1944, 60 girls and 44 boys were graduated from the High School. In addition, diplomas were awarded to three boys on authorization of the State Diploma Equivalency Board,—one a member of the class of 1941 and two who were members of the class of 1943.

The enrollment for the fall term of 1944 was as follows:

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>
P. G. . . . .	0	1
Seniors . . . . .	46	86
Juniors . . . . .	66	118
Sophomores . . . . .	132	136
Freshmen . . . . .	185	172
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	429	513

As these figures show, the total enrollment for the fall term was 942, an increase of 125 over the fall term enrollment in 1943. This increase necessitated the addition of four new teachers to the faculty,—Mrs. Bernice D. Snowden and Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert in the English department, Miss Dorothy Edwards in the Mathematics department, and Mr. Malcolm L. Tilton in the Science department. Miss Ruth E. McLellan of the Commercial department who resigned to be married was not replaced. Miss Julia F. Brown replaced Miss Elizabeth Ring, Miss Ruth L. Tuttle replaced Miss Muriel McDonald, and Mrs. Gladys Johansen replaced Miss Gretchen Nickerson. All of these replacements were due to resignations.

No new courses were added to the curriculum during the year. Our athletic program is back to a normal basis with track restored to the field of competition. The rifle team has been having competitive matches with other schools. A girl's rifle club has been added at the request of a number of students. Both boys' and girls' rifle teams have been using the range of the American Legion.



An interesting trend is apparent in the enrollment of the Seniors by courses in the past few years. A summary follows:

<i>Seniors</i>	<i>College Course</i>	<i>General Course</i>	<i>Commercial Course</i>
1941-1942	16.6%	31.0%	52.3%
1942-1943	17.8%	37.1%	45.0%
1943-1944	20.2%	41.3%	38.5%
1944-1945	21.3%	48.1%	30.6%

The trend toward lower enrollments in the Commercial course is explained partly by a decrease in the number of boys taking those subjects and by the fact that so many girls are taking the General course to prepare for nursing. It is interesting to note that of 942 pupils enrolled in the fall term of 1944, 736 were taking courses in Mathematics and 378 were in Science classes. This apparently reflects the emphasis in these fields that the war impact has caused.

The draft law continues to make it difficult to keep boys in school as they approach their eighteenth birthday. It is to be hoped that many of the twenty-nine boys who left school to enter the Armed Services will return ultimately to complete their high school work or will earn their diplomas thru taking courses while in service.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL F. MAHONEY, *Principal.*



# GRADUATING EXERCISES

## SOUTH PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1944

Wednesday Afternoon, June 14, 1944

High School Auditorium

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### PROGRAM

Processional—"Pomp and Chivalry"	<i>Roberts</i>
"They Shall Beat Their Swords into Plowshares"	ERNESTINE ROBERTA OLESEN
Invocation	MERTON GOODELL HENRY
"Organ Echoes"	<i>Hayes</i>
Salutatory—A Flag Invisible	GEORGINA MAYETTE IRVING
Prelude in C Sharp Minor	<i>Rachmaninoff</i>
	JOSEPH LEO CRONAN, JR.
Poetry of the War	AMY CARMELA THOMAS
Overture—"Trapelo"	<i>Fulton</i>
	SOUTH PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL BAND
In the Service	PERRY STEPHEN RANKIN
Our Gold Stars	GEORGE DAVID BEAN
The Boys of '44	BETTY LOUISE ALLEN
"Thank God for America"	<i>Phillips</i>
"Your Land and My Land"	<i>Romberg</i>
	SENIOR CHORUS
Valedictory	ROGER WILLIAM DOLAN
"The Spirit of the Red and White"	<i>Marshall, 1930</i>
Conferring of Diplomas	MR. MEREDITH L. TREFETHEN
The Star Spangled Banner	<i>Key</i>

## CLASS OFFICERS

*President*, ROGER DOLAN

*Secretary*, BETTY ANN BERG

*Vice President*, JOSEPH CRONAN, JR.

*Treasurer*, PHYLLIS HARNDEN

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## CLASS ROLL

### DIPLOMA LIST

1944

### COMMERCIAL COURSE

* Jean Esta Allan	Louise Celia Lord
* Muriel Claire Bridgham	Barbara Annie MacDonald
Doris Irene Bruns	* Narice Marilyn Madden
Barbara DePeter	Eleanor Marston
Patricia Jane Farrin	Marie Frances McCusker
Catherine Ann Feeney	Oscar William McCusker
Robert Arthur Flynn	Joseph Francis McDonald
Richard Kent Gallupe	Lillian Frances Millette
Janice Elizabeth Gavett	Lillian Pearl Mitchell
Helen Louise Goodwin	Robert Henry Nelson
Mary Virginia Graffam	Alan Zane Olds
Corinne Catherine Greene	* Ernestine Roberta Olesen
* Carlene Kay Hammond	Charlene Ramona Perham
* Mary Catherine Hansen	* Gordaline Sarah Place
Stanley Churchill Harris	* Eleanor Dianne Richardson
Lillian Ethelyne Hosmer	* Ellen Ingeborg Risas
* Georgina Mayetta Irving	Marjorie Arline Sawtelle
Virginia Eleanor Keating	Marjorie Tenan
Arline May Libby	Janet Louise Wallace
Viola Priscilla Long	Janet Eledise Work

### GENERAL COURSE

Harold Washburn Anderson, Jr.	* Merton Goodell Henry
Patricia Mary Ball	Marjorie Anne Hinds
Joyce Frances Bird	* Frederic Evans Irish, Jr.
Ardell Lotta Bradstreet	Harold Leon Jones
June Leila Brewster	* Rees Jones
Audrey May Bryant	Richard Louis Keniston
Hollie Arthur Bucklin, Jr.	Venita Parker Kittredge
Doris Elizabeth Cannon	Harold Willard Knight, Jr.
* Joseph Allen Cochran, Jr.	* Joyce Angie Lancaster
Gerald Elwood Coggins, Jr.	David Earl Love
Ralph Weston Cox, Jr.	George Robert Maley
Anna Catherine Crozier	Robert Matthew Maloney
Chester Raymond Duhamel	Ruby Elizabeth Mullen
Avis Gertrude Eastman	Arlene Page
Lewis Homer Eldridge, Jr.	Arlene Elvira Palmer
Audrey Anita Ellis	Frederick Andrew Phillips
William Ross Gowen	Luther Craig Phillips
Leonard Leon Greenlaw	Robert Nathan Pike, Jr.
Bernice Elizabeth Greenstreet	* Amy Carmela Thomas
Jacqueline Beverly Hall	* Parker LeRoy Wells
Lester Frank Hardison	William Thomas Willwerth
Laura Elizabeth Hawkins	

## COLLEGE ACADEMIC COURSE

*Betty Louise Allan	*Pauline Faye Mitchell
Elizabeth Ann Berg	Phyllis Virginia Osgood
Elton Olney Feeney, Jr.	Marjorie Marion Pooler
*Phyllis Jean Harnden	Anne Louise Small
*Phyllis Mae Kennedy	Bryant Hall Whipple
*Reginald Thomas Lombard, Jr.	

## COLLEGE TECHNICAL COURSE

*George David Bean	*Raymond Allen Jensen
Joseph Leo Cronan, Jr.	Frederick Fairbanks Jewell
Wilfrid Devine	Lawrence Clifford Peters
*Roger William Dolan	*Perry Stevens Rankin
Johnson Carroll Fenwick	*Donald Harvey Spear
* Honor rank, 88% or above.	

## DIPLOMAS AUTHORIZED BY STATE DIPLOMA EQUIVALENCY BOARD

Class of 1941—Lester Smith, College Technical Course, June 2, 1943.

Class of 1943—William Joseph Harvey, General Course, June 2, 1944.

Class of 1943—Willis Mansfield Spear, General Course, June 2, 1944.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

In September 1943, the library had approximately 8,392 volumes. This includes public documents, bound magazines and valuable pamphlet material.

During the year 144 books have been added, 35 of which were gifts, which with withdrawals leaves an approximate total of 8,516 volumes.

With a weekly average of 785 scheduled, the total number of students using the library for study hall was 29,830.

Forenoon reference students,	12,044
Afternoon reference students,	1,039
Fiction circulation,	2,146
Non-fiction circulation,	4,763
Total circulation,	6,909

EDITH R. SMALL.

## ENROLLMENT TRENDS — 1944

School census, April 1, 1944,	6,087
Increase from 1943,	1,447
High School enrollment, fall term, 1944,	943
Elementary enrollment, fall term, 1944,	3,915
Total enrollment, fall term, 1944,	4,858
Increase from 1943,	423
High School enrollment, 1943-1944,	842
Elementary enrollment, 1943-1944,	4,019
Total enrollment, 1943-1944,	4,861
Gross per capita cost, all schools, enrollment basis,	70.51
Net per capita cost, all schools, enrollment basis,	60.07

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

1944

### Teaching staff:

High School,	35
Elementary,	116
Special,	6
Other departmental employees,	28

All school department employees are listed, with their assignments, in the 1944 School Directory and Calendar, a separate publication.

## REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER

School visits,	21
Cases investigated,	486
Home visits,	551
Requests for services from parents,	14
Returned to school without arrest,	16

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES, 1944

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Teachers' salaries,	\$169,504.12	
Textbooks,	5,018.15	
Supplies,	4,326.51	
Fuel,	10,147.95	
Janitors,	16,017.23	
Utilities,	3,067.97	
Total,	<u>208,081.93</u>	

### HIGH SCHOOL:

Teachers' salaries,	\$65,034.57	
Textbooks,	1,833.00	
Library,	414.12	
Supplies,	1,806.26	
Fuel,	3,439.56	
Janitors,	8,757.53	
Utilities,	1,345.82	
Total,	<u>82,630.86</u>	

Industrial education,	16,142.47
Physical education,	4,455.04
Attendance officer,	920.00
Superintendent of schools,	4,992.00

### BUILDINGS ACCOUNT:

Maintenance,	\$9,046.32	
Repairs,	6,627.89	
Summer work,	737.91	
Supplies,	1,915.66	
	<u>18,327.78</u>	

Equipment,	2,254.39
Insurance,	3,137.36
Contingent,	1,157.86
School physician,	<u>665.00</u>

Total expenditures,	\$342,764.69
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## RECEIPTS, 1944

State aid,	\$49,021.37	
Other receipts,	1,759.20	
	<u>50,780.57</u>	

Net cost to city,	\$291,984.12
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## SCHOOL DOLLAR

1944

### Salaries:

Teaching,	.764
Maintenance,	.072
Textbooks,	.021
Supplies,	.018
Fuel,	.040
Building maintenance,	.053
Light, power,	.013
Insurance,	.009
Contingent,	.003
Classroom equipment,	.007
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	\$1.000

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Although an annual school report spans a year from January through December, a school report, by virtue of the school cycle, begins in September and finishes in June. To bring the work of the school nurses to the attention of the fathers and mothers who so loyally contribute to our success in having healthy school children, I would prefer to start my narrative with September.

During the first four weeks of school the pupils in all grade classrooms are inspected from a sanitary viewpoint for acute infections and communicable disease. Attention is centered on the sub-primary group, stressing mouth hygiene, teeth inspection, posture, correction of apparent eye defects, and obtaining "Consents" for inoculations.

The outstanding work during the month of October is the testing of pupils through the third grade for hearing defects by the audiometer. Pupils showing a marked hearing defect are referred to family doctors for further advice. Later all pupils requiring special attention are placed in the lip reading classes.

The major activity during the months of November and December is the teaching of home nursing to the sophomores in the home economics group in high school. Three mornings a week classes are taught the care of the sick in the home, the care of the new born baby, preventative measures in the care of the family, the observation and care of communicable diseases, and many other important standards.

After Christmas vacation we devote our full day to the physical check of all pupils in the elementary schools, the testing of all pupils in high school and to preparation for the spring clinics by obtaining parents consent for inoculations. During some period of the winter months in co-operation with the State Department of Health and Welfare a Tuberculosis Diagnostic Prevention Clinic is arranged. Approximately one-third of the school children have this yearly Volmer Patch Test for determining positive or negative T. B. reaction.

Later in the year the Chest X-ray Clinic is held at the high school with all necessary apparatus sent from the Department at Augusta. Voluntary requests signed by parents who desire their children to benefit by this service increases every year. With the spring clinics for diphtheria and smallpox vaccination concluded, eye defects corrected, dental caries reported and corrected, the majority of the pupils aim to reach the Seven Point goal which is state wide and of great interest to the pupils and teachers.

This year a new Keystone Visual Eye Testing machine has been placed in the classroom. By screening all pupils with normal sight by the Snelling Chart method, pupils having apparent eye defects are re-examined. This method has proved very effective in revealing eye defects. Pupils and parents have responded to this new measure of computing eye defects by means of a scale chart.

Through the nurse's office all re-admissions to schools are registered each morning if the pupils have been absent because of communicable disease.

Home visits are made to consult with parents when it is considered necessary. In fact, the nurse's aim is to be the personal representative between the school and the home in matters of health and disease prevention.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR GRIFFIN, R. N.,  
*School Nurse.*

## SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

January to December, 1944

Individual inspection of heads, teeth, eyes, throats and hearing,	5,793
Absent visits to homes concerning illness, school problems, impetigo,	170
Hearing tests with 4-A audiometer, pupils above second grade, total,	2,460
Defective hearing,	65
Corrected hearing,	11
Lip reading classes, Miss Evelyn S. Whitney, instructor, pupils attending,	44
Red Cross Home Nursing classes, November and December, 1944:	
Course of 33 hours, instructors, Miss Eleanor Griffin, R. N.,	
Miss Alice Langshaw, R. N.; Miss Helen Kennison, instructor of	
Home Economics Sophomores, high school. Number in classes,	18
Tuberculosis prevention clinic:	
Total number of pupils Volmer skin tested, Patch method, February, 1944,	650
Total number of reactors given X-ray, March 14, 1944,	37
Total number of pupils re-X-rayed, high school,	62
Total number of reactors elementary schools,	18
Total number of pupils re-X-rayed, elementary schools,	20
Total number of adults X-rayed March 14, 1944, clinic at high school,	110
Vaccinations, smallpox prevention clinics, administered by Donald G. Wight, M. D.,	728
Total number of "takes",	640
Total number of "no takes",	88
Diphtheria prevention clinics, sponsored by Central Council Parent-Teacher Association, administered by Donald G. Wight, M. D. and Waldo T. Skillin, M. D. Total number inoculated for toxoid,	445
Total number of pupils given Schick test,	261
Vision acuity tests, Keystone visual method given to pupils with apparent eye defect in all grades:	
Total number of pupils given this test in 1944,	55
Total number of pupils with apparent eye defect, reported to parents,	37

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR GRIFFIN, R. N.,  
*School Nurse.*



# ENROLLMENT SUMMARY FOR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 20, 1944

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Grade	Evans Street	Hutchins School	Peary Village	Willard	So. Portland Heights	Marion Street	Kaler	Roosevelt	Brown	Lincoln	Thornton Heights	Redbank	Henley	Reynolds	Opportunity	High School	Totals
S. P.,		36		49	15	143	29	25	35	70	49	161					612
I,	38	33		44	8	41	41	37	34	37	41	130					484
II,	34	34		51	9	40	18	30	33	46	44	97					436
III,		39		38	8	71	31	31	23	37	34	85					397
IV,				24	5	58	36	29	22	52	51	111	36				424
V,			23		9		77	71	28	35	42	60	44				389
VI,						48	43	40	39	42	48	77	81				418
VII,									38	45	41	64	115	92	15		410
VIII,									35	31	39	53	101	79	7		345
Freshman,																357	357
Sophomore,																268	268
Junior,																185	185
Senior,																132	132
P. G.,																1	1
Totals,	72	142	23	206	54	401	275	263	287	395	389	838	377	171	22	943	4,858

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

1944-1945

September 6, 1944, Wednesday. All schools open.

October 12, Thursday. Columbus Day.

October 26, 27, Thursday, Friday. Teachers' Convention.

November 23, 24, Thursday, Friday. Thanksgiving recess.

December 20, Wednesday. Fall term closes.

### Christmas Vacation

January 2, 1945, Tuesday. First winter term opens.

February 16, Friday. Term closes.

### Winter Vacation

February 26, Monday. Second winter term opens.

April 18, Wednesday. Term closes.

### Spring Vacation

April 30, Monday. Spring term opens.

May 30, Wednesday. Memorial Day.

June 15, Friday. School year closes.

